

WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 14, 2009

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in regular session in the Lower Level Conference Room of City Hall on December 14, 2009, at 7:30 p.m.

Police Merit Commission President Leverenz called the meeting to order and presided.

PRESENT: Commissioners Corrigan, Leverenz, Suitor, and Troyer.

ABSENT: Commissioner Hoggatt.

ALSO PRESENT: Commission Counsel Brooks and Police Chief Dombkowski.

Commission President Leverenz presented the November 9, 2009, letter of resignation from Commissioner Hoggatt. Commission President Leverenz expressed appreciation for Commissioner Hoggatt's contributions to the Commission, and wished him well in his new position on the West Lafayette City Council.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Corrigan moved approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2009, meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Troyer. The minutes were approved as distributed. Minutes of the October 12, 2009, meeting will be approved at the next meeting.

ELECTION OF NEW SECRETARY

Commission President Leverenz announced that, with the resignation of Commissioner Hoggatt, a new Secretary would be needed.

Commissioner Suitor nominated Commissioner Troyer. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corrigan.

There were no other nominations.

The vote to elect Commissioner Troyer as Secretary was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS

Commission President Leverenz reported that Dr. James LeBreton provided a status report of his activities regarding the promotional exams. Dr. LeBreton asked for clarification on several items, to which both Commission President Leverenz and Commission Counsel Brooks responded. The exam is to be completed by February.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Police Chief Dombkowski provided copies of the Department's monthly report, noting that public relations activities involved the West Lafayette High School 2009 Class 3A Football Championship and the U.S. Attorney's Office. Several burglaries were solved and some arrests made.

B. Chief Dombkowski said that, because of a pursuit by the Lafayette Police Department in downtown Lafayette, there has been discussion about the West Lafayette pursuit policy. The WL policy was revised earlier this year; the Board of Works approved it in July.

C. Commission President Leverenz reported that the last Officer of the Quarter was Detective Jeff Ray. He appreciated the recognition. Chief Dombkowski added that he is a long-serving and dedicated officer.

D. Commission President Leverenz asked that Commissioners Corrigan and Troyer, with Sgt. John Watson appointed by Police Chief Dombkowski, to serve as a committee to rank-order the candidates, so that the Department can do truth verification. There are currently 41 individuals in queue, waiting for truth verification. The next steps are background check, interview with Department officers, and interview with the Merit Commission. At that point, an eligibility list is created which is certified by the Council. The motion to adopt this plan was made by Commissioner Troyer and seconded by Commissioner Suitor. The motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Human Resources Director Foster will serve as staff resource to this committee.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

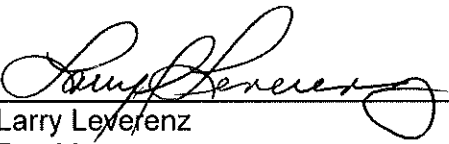
None.


NEXT MEETING

January 11, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Election of Officers will be held.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.



Larry Leverenz
President

Bob Troyer
Secretary